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savetoby.com, silly scam or scary story?

Dan Schaub

REPORTER

It seems that everyone likes animals with big eyes, soft hair, and a poofy tail, but would people go out of their way in order to rescue some helpless animal? The author of savetoby.com seems to think so.

Toby is a rabbit that the author of the site found underneath his porch soaking and wounded like he had been attacked by a cat. After nursing the rabbit back to health, the author posted on his site that if he does not receive fifty-thousand dollars by June 30th of this year he will take Toby to the butchers and then eat him.

The author's current balance is twenty-five thousand dollars and to make his balance grow he accepts donations and has a store so you can buy savetoby.com gear such as hats, shirts, and coffee cups. (Sorry, no rabbits' feet.)

He also posted on his site several recipes that he is thinking about that he will us to cook up his furry friend. He also accompanied these recipes with some "gruesome" pictures for the recipes that he lists.

Whether this be a scam or a serious ransom one fact is true, that animal right's activists are going to sue.

Congressmen keep criminals from corrupting kids

Sarah Summers

GUEST REPORTER

Every morning hundreds of children walk to school. Some walk half a block; others walk over a mile. Most kids walk in groups which means they are being loud and rambukish drawing attention to themselves, making them more noticable. For some people it's a quick look out the window to see what all the commotion is about but for others it is something very different.

A safe and quiet neighborhood is what brings most families to settle down where they do but how safe is their neighborhood really. You never know what kind of person is living down the block watching your children. This is why Iowa is making our children who walk to school a little safer.

Iowa lawmakers proposed a law to make it illegal for all registered sex offenders to live closer than 2000 feet from any school or day care. In Illinois their "safe zone" is 500 feet, which works out to be three blocks. Most children walk more than three blocks to get home Davenport

A sex offender is an individual who has been convicted of adjudicated of a criminal offense against of a criminal offense against a minor sexual exploitation or sex. Iowa's current law is that any one convicted of a sexual offense has to register as a sex offender.

In Davenport, ten registered sex offenders listed : "unknown of last address."

Although they register, it doesn't mean the government always knows where they are. In Davenport alone out of 259 on the registered sex offenders in Iowa web site there were ten that were registered "unknown of last address."

Alone has so many schools and day cares that they only places left for sex offenders to live are areas where there are no houses.

The distance seems far enough away for them to live. However that doesn't keep them away from schools.

In Iowa the setting of the new standards won't be made anytime soon it is just another thing to get Iowan's worked up before doing anything about it.

NSSG vote to be held May 6

Get ready to vote! On Friday, May 6th, during Advisory, all 9th,10th and 11th grade advisories will have a chance to vote for North Scott Student Government class representatives for the 05-06 academic year. For those of you new to the voting process, candidates have come to an informational meeting, successfully filled out a candidate packet which included a nomination form signed by at least 30 classmates and five teachers, ascertained that a 2.00 GPA based on a 4.00 scale has been achieved. The successful candidate has written a short essay expressing what issues and activities should be addressed by NSSG in the 05-06 year. An additional short essay expressed what particular strengths the candidate feels he/she has to be a member of NSSG.

The NSSG constitution committee, seniors Adam Bader, Cori Thompson & Paul Keppy, juniors Megan Hart and Erin Bobst and sophomores Alex Pehler and Chris Cuellar have spent many hours drafting and revising a proposed constitution. By the time this Lance issue is published the constitution will have been ratified. NSSG members will have had input on the proposed constitution and resulting changes will have been made prior to the final ratification vote on the April 26th meeting. Some changes are small, some considerable. A proposed change includes an avenue for better communication with the student body. This includes the creation of the Student Advisory Committee. In the fall, shortly after the beginning of the school year, each Advisory would hold elections, choosing one individual to represent his/her Advisory, communicating concerns and ideas to NSSG. This person would also communicate information to his/her advisory concerning NSSG activities.

Prom 2005 will be held on May 7 from 8 to 11PM at the Davenport Outing Club. The theme will be "Wonderful Tonight," with the colors being black, hot pink, and white. Tickets will be $11 each.

Bill blocks bullies from beating, confounds congressional conservatives

Cate Watkins

REPORTER

On April 14, the Iowa State Senate approved an anti-bullying bill for schools, hoping to deter rising rates of harassment within Iowa schools.

This bill (bill SF 406) states that schools would be required to 'adopt a policy declaring harassment and bullying in schools, on school property, and at any school function, or school-sponsored activity regardless of its location, in a manner consistent with this section, as against state and school policy.' The school would then be responsible for handing out a tangible copy of this policy to all staff members as well as students' families. In addition to enforcing this policy, schools would also be 'encouraged' to start programs to assist in the anti-bullying.

"This bill is also the center of a debate; it is looked down about by Republicans because they believe is is the beginning of a trend to pass gay rights legislation."

This bill is also the center of a debate; it is looked down upon by Republicans because they believe it is the beginning of a trend to pass gay rights legislation. Meanwhile, most schools already have some form of this policy already in their school handbooks, including North Scott High School. The Republicans, however, believe that allowing this bill, which extends to include in the definition of 'harassment' gender, race, economic status, and sexual orientation, will allow other bills to be passed that protect gay rights. This additional protection was introduced into the bill as a response to increasing violence against students that are suspected to be, or known to be, homosexuals in schools.

In North Scott's Student Handbook is a form of the anti-bullying bill, mostly the same, with the exception of the sexual orientation provision. The impact of this bill will be relatively small on NS, but on other schools across the state, the whole bill may come as a huge turnaround, especially if there was no student harassment policy in place before this, which is what the legislators had in mind.

If you would like to contact your representative on this issue, here is their contact information

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Ballots badly bobbled when seniors selected for service citations

Aaron Schroeder

MANAGING EDITOR

Once a year, the QC Times breaks from its usual athletics-based high school coverage to turn the spotlight on academics. They take several pages in one issue per year to recognize the most well-rounded, hard-working, academic students each of the MAC schools has to offer.

The Times distributes ballots to each school's administration, and the ballots are distributed then to each teacher. Each teacher gets one vote per category (Young Journalist, Humanities, Math and Science, Vocational, etc.).

In most cases, the two individuals per category with the most votes relieve nominations from the high school. However, in some cases, rathe.r than being elected by teachers, some students are appointed to positions by the guidance department.

"...since its just a reception and a piece of paper we'd rather not nominate people from some categories that they were already selected to and just move people to other categories..." says Mr. Boland, chairperson of the guidance department.

According to Boland, there was only one nominee for this year's Math and Science category. Therefore, the guidance department was left with one empty spot for the Math and Science nomination. Rather than redistributing the ballot, Boland moved third-place student student from a different category into the Math and Science category.

"In most cases we look at students who got a lot of votes but weren't the highest ones in the categories they were nominated for to move them to one of the other categories," says Boland.

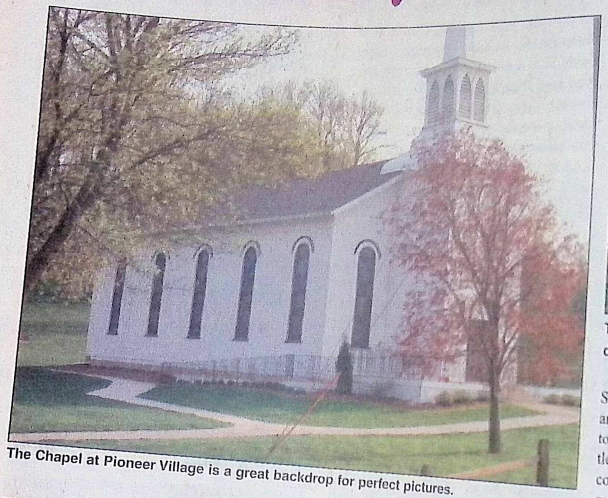
This has resulted in the nominations of some individuals with limited involvement in their assigned categories.

Adam Bader was nominated for the Humanities category; however, he never took the Humanities class from Ms. Kluever, two years of Foreign Language, and one year of music. Even he admits that he doesn't know why he was nominated: "I'm honored to be included, but I think I would have fit better in one of the other categories," says Bader.

To improve the process for next year, Ms. Roeder suggested that each teacher relieve two votes per category. This would eliminate the problem of having only one nominee in any given category.

"There are definitely some problems with the process...This could be a good way to solve [them]," says Boland. However, as of now , the guidance department has no plans to change the nomination process for next year.

Parks Provide Places



The Chapel at Pioneer Village is a great backdrop for perfect pictures.

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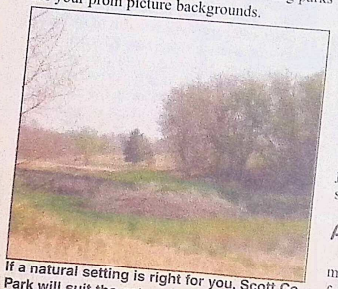
Kaity Moss
REPORTER

If you're a junior or a senior you've probably already been hit with the prom bug. No matter where you go people are being either asked to prom, discussing the latest prom fashion or figuring groups, restaurants, and transportation.

One of the most difficult tasks is to try and find a decent place to take group pictures. There are a lot of decent parks out there but here is a list of Quad Cities best looking parks for your prom picture backgrounds.



If a natural setting is right for you, Scott Co. Park will suit the nature lover in you.

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Scott County Park

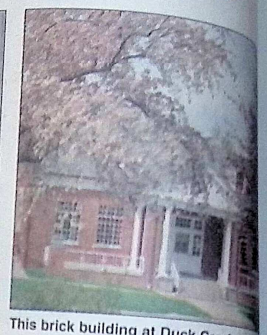
Scott County Park might not be the hot spot the night of May 7th. But it still has some nice spots for taking pictures. Although the grass is a little long and the bugs are a little on the heavy side there are an endless supply of flowers and beautiful green trees.

Make sure to go out a couple days before prom to search for a couple spots that you'd like to take pictures so that you don't miss your dinner reservations because you were to busy running around the whole park for that "perfect spot." Remember though that this park does have a lot of "wild animals," and is patrolled frequently by the Park Ranger so the rules at another Public Park may be different than they are here.

If you've never been to Scott County Park just take highway 61 north and follow the road signs.

Pioneer Village

Pioneer Village might not have crossed your mind, but don't be fooled this could be the perfect spot to get some really unique pictures. Pioneer Village is located on the north side of Scott County Park. At Pioneer Village there are plenty of different rustic looking buildings to get a variety of pictures. There is a quaint little church, ice cream parlor, a big red barn, a couple old log cabins, blacksmith shop, graveyard, and a trading post.



This brick building at Duck Creek will add a dash of sophistocation to your picture.

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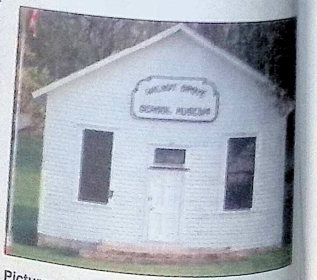
To make this center look authentic the grass is long, there are rock and dirt roads, and most likely dirt and mud. If you want to make sure that you stay nice and clean for dinner and the dance maybe this isn't the place for you. But if you're outgoing and looking for a really creative and different look to your pictures then look no further than Pioneer Village in Long Grove, Iowa.



Pictures taking at the Museum School will be unique.

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for Pleasant Prom Pics

Duck Creek

Staff Photo

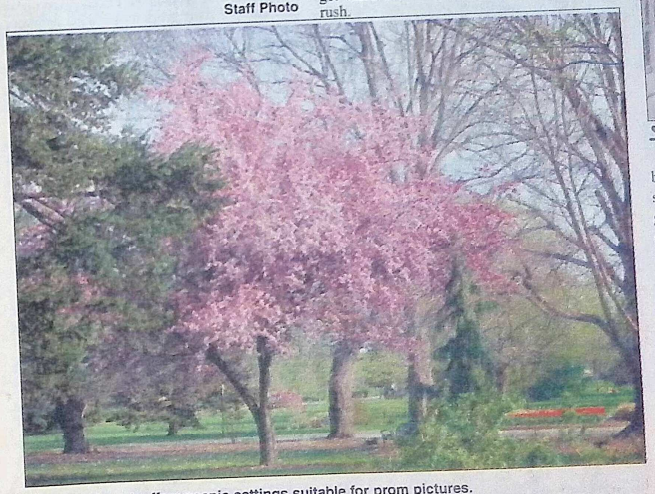
Kaity Moss
REPORTER

Vanderveer Park

The place to be on prom night will most likely be Vanderveer Park located in Davenport Iowa. Not only is our prom on may 7th but so are Pleasant Valley, Davenport Centals, and Dewitt Central so you can count on this park to be jam-packed.

Vanderveer park is very well known for its wide range of exotic flowers, enormous blooming pink and purple trees, open grassy area, play grounds, botanical center, and sparkling fountains. In the center of the park there's a big open area for people to walk around and outlining the outside of the park are little separate flower gardens with benches.

These small gardens are very beautiful spots for any prom picture. There is a large pond that could be a good place to pose for a few pictures which is located right next to the rose garden and botanical center. The rose garden has about 8 pillars surrounded by flowers, trees, and bushes, which is also another promising background. But be warned that these gardens will be swarming with other couples hoping to snag these same pictures, so it might be difficult to get where you want to go. Make sure to get there nice and early so you can beat the rush.



Duck Creek park offers scenic settings suitable for prom pictures.

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Chairs near the Lilac Garden provide great opportunities for posing

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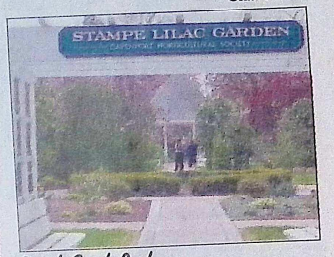


Duck Creek Park

Duck Creek Park offers a very picturesque background. The wide variety of tulips, shrubs, trees, and beautifully groomed flower gardens are the perfect match for any prom couple. Their gardens have every color out of the spectrum.

As you walk under the sign reading "Stampe Lilac Garden" on top of the beautiful white trellis. You can't help but get caught up in the beautiful smell and the exquisite gardens. As you walk down the path the first thing you notice is a huge white gazebo at the end overlooking the whole entire park. The view is almost breathtaking and certainly is one of the best places anywhere to get your pictures. The only pitfall of this park is that its very small and if a lot of people chose to go here it would be very difficult to get any pictures without having people in the background.

Some clergy can't check anti-semitism at door

Aaron Schroeder
MANAGING EDITOR

When this week's North Scott Press arrived on my desk, I found myself horrified and disgusted when I read Robin Kroloff's and Kevin Bobst's letter to the editor on this year's Baccalaureate. How can *any* local Christian minister oppose the inclusion of a different faith in Baccalaureate?

So, before making up your mind on the topic, here's the story:

Ryan inquired with the North Scott Clergy Group, as to whether or not he would be allowed to participate in this year's Baccalaureate. After discussing it among themselves, the clergy group decided to invite Ryan to participate by reading a lesson from the Old Testament, responding to a lesson, or just participating like a regular student.

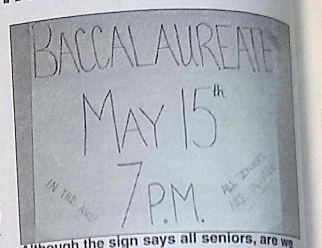
However, the outrage comes when you find out what went on between Ryan's inquiry and the NSCG's invitation.

Several emails were sent between members of the NSCG, of which contained comments, which the Ryan's parents felt were discriminatory.

Pastor Scott Pearson from Cornerston Baptist in Eldridge confirmed that emails were sent: "There are some pastors who just believe in the uniqueness and supremacy of Jesus Christ." Additionally, Pearson counted himself among those pastors, but added, "This is not an anti-semetic belief."

After reading the emails, quotes from which I cannot include in this article, I must say that I am disgusted with the reactions of several members of NSCG. In reference to these unincluded quotes, Pearson said, "...they could be misunderstood by the reading public." He is either calling the public stupid or is admiting that something written may have insulted another religion. On this, he is most certainly correct. The unincluded portions of those emails insult and demean *several* religions explicitly.

To read the emails first-hand, I encourage each of you to contact your pastors, or Pearson. This is a disgraceful situation, one which those belittling other faiths should have to answer for



Although the sign says all seniors, are we all really invited? Staff Photo

Baccalaureate serves as a religious way to affirm and celebrate the success of our seniors. This celebration should not be limited to Christians, and should certainly not *exclude* Ryan Bobst because of his Jewish faith. Indeed, he is a part of our class not because of Judaism, but because of his unique personality and academic, athletic, and social accomplishments. Therefore, he deserves the same celebration of graduation.

Prison guards perplexed, pondering proper puzzle plan

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

1. Apr.19 – Rubber duck removed from dog after 5 years
A dog from Ostersund, Sweden was put through surgery to remove a rubber duck that sat in his stomach for five years. The owner of the dog thought the toy had dissolved in the animal's stomach in time, but took the dog to a vet after it started to vomit and refuse to drink.

2. Apr. 18 – Man catches fire during surgery
An investigation has begun to determine how a patient in a Seattle hospital caught on fire during surgery in 2003. The patient went up in flames after an instrument during the procedure lighted alcohol on his skin. The patient died after the surgery and it was not due to the fire.

3. Apr.18 – Police in Arizona seek monkey for SWAT team
The police department in Mesa, Arizona is requesting to purchase and train a capuchin monkey for its SWAT team. The monkey, which could cost $15,000, would be taught to unlock doors, search buildings, and find victims. The monkey's gear would consist of a Kevlar vest, video camera, and two-way radio.

4. Apr. 15- Truck 0verturns releasing thousands of chickens
A poultry truck in Mayfield, Kentucky overturned and released thousands of chickens onto the road. The truck was carrying 6,000 birds. The majority of the chickens survived, but some were killed.

5. Apr. 19- Man sets explosive record
In Fairmont, Virginia, a part-time stuntman set a new Guinness world record for the most squibs detonated on a human body. The man wore a wet suit with 160 of squibs, which are used to simulate gunshots in movies. The stunt has been filmed and a documentary about the feat, called "Shooting the Record", will be released.

6. Apr.15- Zoo wants chimpanzee to stop smoking
A zoo in South Africa is trying to stop a chimpanzee from smoking. Zoo officials say the chimp has been picking up cigarettes thrown to him by visitors and smoking them. There are other chimpanzees with a smoking habit, one of them in Zhengzhou, China.

7. Apr.15 – Don't drive in South Korea
A man in Seoul, South Korea just passed the academic part of his driver's license examination: after 271 tries. The man, nearly 70 years old, said he was illiterate and used the test process to teach himself the rules of the road, since he couldn't read them in a manual. After more than 5 years and $1,000 worth of fees, he is finally preparing for his road test.

8. Apr.11 - Elderly women arrested for blasting rock music
A 58 year old women in Tokyo, Japan was arrested for blasting rock music at her neighbor for nearly 2 years. The women was arrested on suspicion of inflicting injury on a 64 year old women. The neighbors had several quarrels over minor issues when the 58 year old women decided to play loud, fast-paced music for nearly 24 hours a day.

9. Apr.11 – Man names himself after soccer team
A man from Medellin, Columbia changed his name to Deportivo Independiente Medellin, after his favorite soccer team. For 7 years, the man fought in the courts to have the right to change his name.

10. Apr. 16 – Prison guards train with crossword puzzles
\Prison Officials in California put an end to crossword puzzles as a substitute for guard training. Guards at certain prisons were told that they could complete almost 1/4 of their annual training by doing word search and crossword puzzles on the job. Out of the 52 hours of training each years, 12 hours could be spent studying bulletins with policy changes, administrative directives, and the puzzles.

Members of Ms. Mac's meeting mitigates missile messages

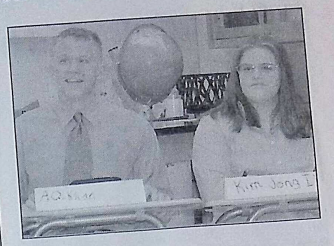
Aaron Schroeder
MANAGING EDITOR

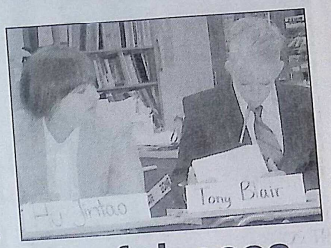
Ms. Mac's Honors World Problems class got a taste of how world leaders make foreign policy through the eyes of the world leaders themselves. In a simulation on Thursday, April 17, these students attempted to portray the interactions between several of the world's most prominent political figures at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Ms. Mac used this project in an attempt to give students a more real-world learning experience. "There were several things I wanted them to learn in this simulation," says Mac. "To have a unique way of doing research and to understand how the interrelationships of countries were important parts of the exercise."

The simulation attempted to expose the different views on atomic information from different world perspectives.

The project also tested the research capabilities of students because none could be sure how their partners would respond to questions and comments. Students also had to research the personalities of their leaders, in an attempt to accurately portray their reactions to certain questions and situations presented in the simulation.





(Above) Junior Sam Esterlein plays a convincing Secretary of State.
(Above, Right) Hat helps complete Ross Grunwald's AQ Khan and glasses do the same for Erin Bobst.
(Left) Kasha Lagoda and Kristy Schroeder don men'swear in portraying their leaders.
Staff Photos

Filibuster forever figures first for fairness

Cait Watkins
REPORTER

For years, in Congress there has been an unspoken rule of 'filibuster' (more specifically, in Senate), which is an attempt to talk a bill to death.

Basically, this means that when a bill comes up for debate in the Senate, senators are able to debate an issue for unlimited periods of time which often result in the consideration of a bill being dropped. A number of bills have been dropped this way, without the official vote actually occurring to knock the bill down.

During most debates, the filibuster is a tool of the minority group, so they still get a say in the legislation of bills. This rule leaves enough of a space to maneuver in; a speaker who has the floor in Senate has an unlimited amount of time in which to speak, as long as they want. The threat of a filibuster is often enough to cause a majority part to drop the bill, without having to endure the filibuster. Some more memorable filibusters have gone on for more than 15 hours, but the Senate record stands at 24 hours and 18 minutes of continuous speaking (Strom Thurman R., S.C.) in 1957.

The 200-year-old tradition of the Senate filibuster, empowers 41 or more senators to prevent a NARROW majority from abusing its power

Part of the reason this is such a problem currently, is the fact that each session of debate in Congress is only open for a certain amount of time. This means a filibuster makes it so that Senators cannot open discussion on any other bills so long as someone is speaking, causing several bills to die, in addition to keeping Senators in the session until it either adjourns, or the speaker sits. While rules have been added to keep the filibuster in check (such as that a speaker can be forced to sit with a 2/3 majority signing of a petition during session), there is still a lot of room to maneuver in.

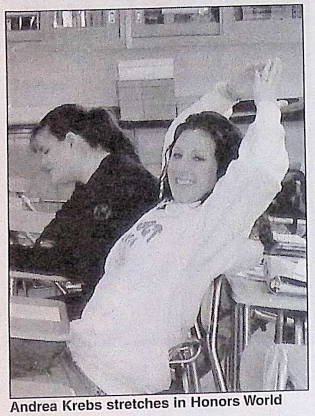
The Republicans in the Senate are in the majority during this term, with 55 members compared to the 45 members from Democratic and Independent parties. This majority isn't enough, however, to get the two-thirds vote needed to pass a bill, which is why the Republicans are currently pushing to have the filibuster removed, so that a speaker can no longer speak for as long as they want.

Part of the struggle has to do with the current controversy due to the fact that this June, several members of the Supreme Court are going to be retiring due to illness. This means that the spots will be up for voting, and Republicans are trying to put their nominations into the Court without having the threat of filibusters. Another issue currently under public scrutiny is the issue of the rising gas prices, and the proposed solution of allowing oil drilling in Alaska. Many people protest this idea because the oil drilling would disrupt the federal reserve it's on; on the other hand, gas prices would go down noticeably if the drilling were to commence. On Wednesday, April 20, the House of Representatives voted to allow such drilling, setting the stage for an extensive debate in Senate, where Democrats have sworn to filibuster against any bill that would allow the drilling.

Hard work, school involvement top list on this years' valedictorians reasons for success

Jenny Flater
REPORTER

Valedictorians



Andrea Krebs stretches in Honors World Problems

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Andrea Krebs

Throughout high school, Andrea Krebs put forth a lot of hard work, which in turn, made her one of four valedictorians for the class of 2005. To do well in school, Krebs jokingly said, "I stay up until 3 every morning studying for school." She involved herself in activities such as LP, choir, band, National Honors Society, tennis, Young Women's Leadership Forum, SADD, show choir, teaching Sunday School, and many more activities. In her free time, she like to clean her room, sing, dance with her mom, party at Paul's, work out, and lift weights, "...but not with Bigger Fatter Stronger," said Krebs.

Krebs' favorite class throughout high school has been Humanities. "I feel like I learn a lot when I'm in there." However, Krebs isn't all about study and work; she has her rebellious times, too. "Once I stole a chocolate egg from Jodi, and I ate it."

Interestingly enough, her mother was towards the top of her class as well, but she did not find out about it until the very end of high school.

Krebs' college plans include attending school at St. Mary's in Southbend, IN or Augustana, while majoring in either chemistry, Spanish, vocals, or foreign relations.

Some advice Krebs has for those who want to work towards being a valedictorian of their class is, "Don't go in with the attitude that you want to get an A; go in with the attitude that you want to learn as much as you can. Also, choose classes and topics that interest you."

Adam Bader in Lancer Productions' *Rumors*

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Adam Bader

Adam Bader is also graduating at the top of his class. He's been involved in FCA (9 grade), Bible Study (9-10), LP, Stud Gov, and NHS throughout high school.

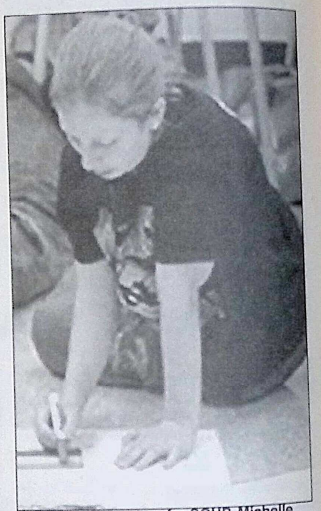
To make it towards the top of his class, Bader says, "I've had many really late nights and really early mornings. Good arguments and ideas come very late at night."

Bader's favorite class has been Pre-Cal, "because Mark, John, Aaron, and I gave Mrs. Kube a lot of grief."

In his free time, Bader likes to play guitar and waste time at Paul's house.

His plans for college include majoring in computer engineering at ISU.

As for advice for doing well in school, "Classes may seem boring, but pay attention and listen. Don't procrastinate."



Helping make posters for SOUP, Michelle Schack shows her dedication to ending discrimination

Michelle Schnack

Throughout high school, Michelle Schnack has been involved in SOUP (11-12 grade), Key Club (10), Basketball (9-11), and softball (9-10). Her favorite class has been Health 2 because, "it's a very interactive class. We went on a lot of field trips."

For Schnack, being towards the top of her class took, "studying for every test, even if I didn't get it. Also getting help or teaching myself how to do something if I didn't get it."

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In her free time, Schnack likes to, "exercise, garden, read, and relaxing stuff like that."

Schnack's plans for the future include going to the University of Iowa and receiving her Bachelors in Science and Nursery, and eventually getting her Masters.

Her advice to help students get to the top of their class, "Strive to do your best, but don't get too strung out if you get a B."

Angela Hartwig

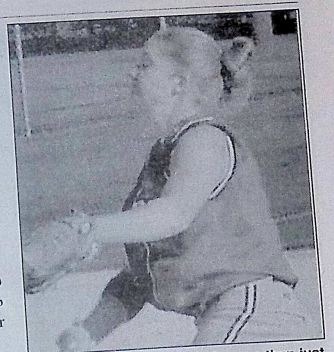
One of the other NS valedictorians for the class of 2005 is Angie Hartwig. To be towards the top of her class, Hartwig put in a lot of hours of studying, hard work, and determination. Interestingly enough, her mother was also a valedictorian in high school.

Hartwig has spent a lot time involving herself in activities such as cross country, softball, basketball (9-11 grade), National Honors Society, and her youth group, Lytes.

Also throughout high school, her favorite class overall has been, "Spanish 4 because Sr. Hawley rocks! Me gusta español!" In her free time, Hartwig likes to play softball and spend time with her family and friends.

Her college plans include attending Wartburg and hopefully majoring in physical therapy.

Her advice for students who would like to work towards being a valedictorian is, "Keep your end goal in mind and always try your best."



Angela Hartwig proves life is more than just a pitch.

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Kuhl, Jallo prove it's all about the brains

National Merit Scholars

Ross Jallo

Ross Jallo is one of two National Merit Scholars for the NS Class of 2005. When one becomes a NMS, "they are considered for scholarships," Jallo stated, "but don't necessarily get any."

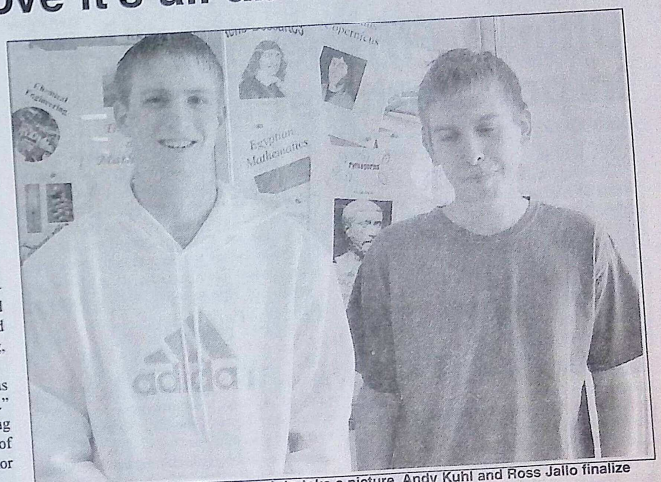
In regards to tips for doing well on the tests, "studying doesn't help, good test scores do." Another tip he has is to eat brain food. "I enjoy butter-pecan ice cream."

During high school, Jallo's main extracurricular activities have been Jazz Choir, piano and cello lessons, and NHS, "which I adore," said Jallo. As for interests, he enjoys, "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic."

His favorite class throughout high school has been Humanities because, "It covers so much."

Jallo's college plans include attending Augustana college. Though he is unsure of what he will major in, he would like to minor in Latin American studies.

One thing to keep in mind about Jallo is that he has a bit of a wild side. "Once I went out to lunch without permission to leave school."



Leaving the books just long enough to take a picture, Andy Kuhl and Ross Jallo finalize their college plans.

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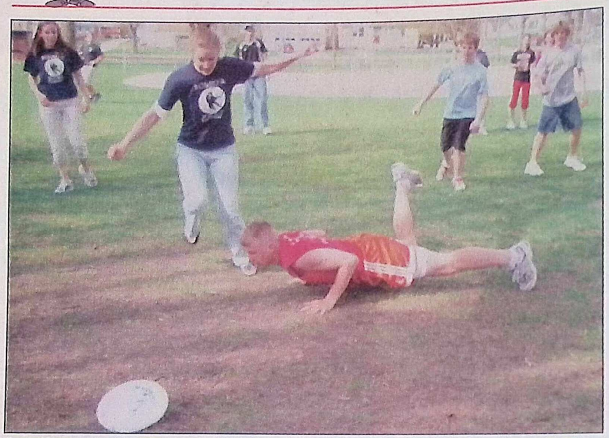
Andy Kuhl

Andy Kuhl is the other National Merit Scholar for the NS class of 2005. "People don't really get anything for being a NMS, but, because I am a National Merit Scholar, ISU is giving me a full ride," stated Kuhl.

To do well on big tests, Kuhl says it takes, "being really focused when you're taking the test, plus luck and skill." As for some advice, "actually do all the homework your teachers give you, even the busy work."

During Kuhl's years at high school, he has been involved in band, jazz band, football (during sophomore year), cross country, baseball, and NHS. His favorite subject is math, "because I'm good at it." As for his favorite thing to do, he enjoys sleeping.

Kuhl's college plans include attending ISU, while majoring in either math, physics or engineering.



Ross Grunwald lays out, Jaime Allen nearly topples over him, while onlookers watch the frisbee eagerly.

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Ultimate frisbee growing in popularity at NS

Sean Flack

REPORTER

"Ultimate Frisbee club will be meeting this Friday at 4:00 at Centennial Park. Any questions, contact Tim Scheetz." This has been one of the new announcements that students of North Scott have been hearing for a long time. Have you ever wondered what exactly Ultimate Frisbee really is?

Ultimate Frisbee consists of 2 teams. When the group is all together at a random moment, one person will get on their knees, and soon, everyone else will follow. The last two people standing up are the team captains. They choose who they want on their team, going back and forth like a draft, or like picking people to play dodgeball. Each team gets on one side of the field and whoever has the frisbee waits until one person on the other side raises their hand. That's the signal that the other team's ready. Then one person on the side who has the frisbee, can yell whatever they want (usually it's something dirty,) then they throw the frisbee off to the other team.

Ultimate is a cross between Soccer, Football, Basketball, and of course Frisbee. How it works is, the person in possession of the frisbee has to stay in the spot where he caught the frisbee. The other team has a chance to block the frisbee holder, by waving their arms all around or doing other things to block the person. Then once the person passes the frisbee to another one of his teammates, he's allowed to move again. If one of the players on the team that doesn't have the frisbee, knocks the frisbee out of the air, then one person on that team goes face-to-face with a person from the other team. Its just like if you caught the frisbee, you wouldn't be able to move and the other team can block you.

If one team passes the frisbee all the way to the end of the field, then it's a point for that team. Then that team throws the frisbee off to the other team. After Ultimate, which usually ends at about 5, everyone goes to a certain restaurant. Most of the time it's Subway, so everyone goes there and eats.

Ultimate Frisbee is becoming extremely popular among students. Ultimate started as an event between some friends every Friday at 4, many years ago, and now it's become so well-known that they have Ultimate Frisbee meetings during advisory, and they have their own page in the yearbook. Newcomer Mike Engler says that "it's muy fun." The president of Ultimate Frisbee club is senior, Tim Scheetz, and the vice-president is junior, Dan Schaub. Dan says that "Ultimate is the only sport where you don't have to be truly athletic to succeed."

Everyone who plays Ultimate are really nice, and willing to accept new players. It's a really fun time, and they all have their own inside jokes such as Susan Pethoud being "The head V." Everyone gets along and there's no pressure to be a star athlete.

So if you're looking for something to do every Friday at 4, stop on by Centennial Park. It'll be a really fun time that you won't regret.

(Above) Alex Pehler takes a mad dive for a frisbee, while Matt Kluever misses horribly. (Below) Tim Scheetz (we think) dashes behind Jared Proctor (we think).

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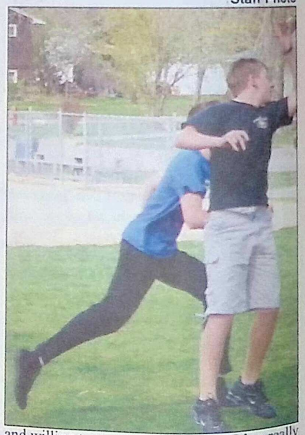


Doctors deliver dynamite drugs for defeating depression

Kara Silverthorn

GUEST REPORTER

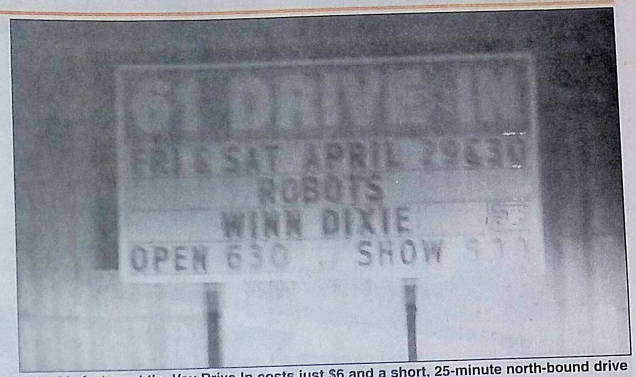
Feeling blue? Can't find fun in anything? The Bad News: You may be clinically depressed. The Good News: It's treatable. It may seem like the last thing you want to do, but the smartest choice is talking to your parents. They won't think any less of you and they can get you the help you need. Depression is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain, which is why anti-depressants are taken. There are many anti-depressants on the market today that teenagers have had success with, such as Prozac, Zoloft and Celexa. Your psychiatrist decides which one suits you best.

Not only should you see your psychiatrist once a month, but you should also see a therapist once a month as well. Many people with depression find it very helpful to talk about their problems and concerns to an unbiased source. It might seem like overkill having two different doctors for the same problem, but it'll help you feel better faster.

You may be clinically depressed if you have these symptoms: sadness or hopelessness, loss of interest or pleasure in your daily activities, a change in appetite that causes either weight gain or weight loss, sleeping too much or not enough, feeling restless and unable to sit still or feeling that moving takes great effort, feeling tired all the time, feeling unworthy or guilty without an obvious reason, having problems concentrating, remembering, or making decisions, and/or thinking often of death or suicide.

If you have experienced any of these symptoms for more than two weeks, get help. If you wait too long, you could wind up doing something you'll regret. Remember: Most suicide attempts are just that: attempts. The most common oversight teenagers make is the belief overdosing will be like dying in your sleep. Newsflash: It's painful. Depending on the amount you take, you get your stomach pumped and then you will be placed in the hospital to undergo extensive therapy. If you overdose on over-the-counter medicine, like many teenagers do, you can destroy your liver. You will then be put on the waiting list for a liver transplant. Ironically, the liver is the most wanted organ for transplantation. You will most likely die while waiting for it.

Make the right choice and get help.



A double-feature at the Voy Drive-In costs just $6 and a short, 25-minute north-bound drive on Interstate-61.

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Drive-In delivers double-dip for six dollars

Lindsay Epkes

FINE ARTS EDITOR

Finally, at long last the drive-in is open! So grab your lawn chairs, blankets, radio, pillows, bug spray and cooler of favorite pop and head out to the drive-in this weekend.

The drive-in is probably one of the absolute best ways to watch the latest flicks. For only six dollars you can generally see a double feature at the Maquoketa drive-in. Without being confined to theater seats you're free to move around, answer cell phone calls, talk, and you don't have to climb over ten other people to get to the bathroom. Besides these many perks ,there's the obvious that you are watching a movie outside and with only three left open in Iowa we should consider ourselves lucky that we have one so close.

Drive -Ins didn't originate during the sock hopping fifties of Happy Days but on June 6, 1933 the first Drive-In, invented by Richard M. Hollingshead opened to the public. This long-standing pastime has become as American as baseball and practically anyone can recall memories of John Travolta and Grease when they think of the drive-in. For all the information you could ever want on the history of drive-ins, drive-ins in your area, ticket prices, and what's showing go to http://www.driveintheater.com/history/1930.htma

Bands mix for music menagerie

Jenny Flater

REPORTER

The 2nd Annual Band Showcase, featuring the 7-12 grade bands will be on May 1 at 1:30pm in the NSHS Auditorium and will last approximately 2 hours. The showcase will start with the 7th grade band and end with the NSHS Symphonic band.

During the last song played by the Symphonic band, the 8th grade mentees that have been mentored by a select number of high school students throughout the 2004-2005 school year, will play alongside of them. Admission for the 2nd Annual Band Showcase will be free of charge.

Another band showcase coming up will be on May 16, starting at 6:30pm. This showcase will feature the 8th grade jazz band, Jazz 2, and Jazz 1. During Jazz 1's performance, the 8th grade jazz mentees will play alongside their mentors for a song. Also, Jazz 1 will feature recording trombonist, Wycliffe Gordon. Admission will be $3 for students and senior citizens, and $5 for adults.

The Band Showcases are a way to introduce the band program to the 8th graders and their parents, as well as a chance for the students in grades 7-12 to listen to each other.

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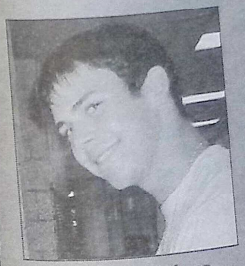

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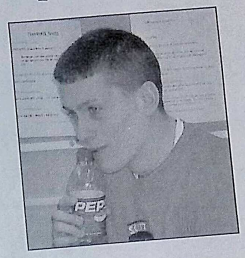
How are you preparing for

"When is the AP exam?"
Kyle Charles

May 5!
Good luck to everyone!



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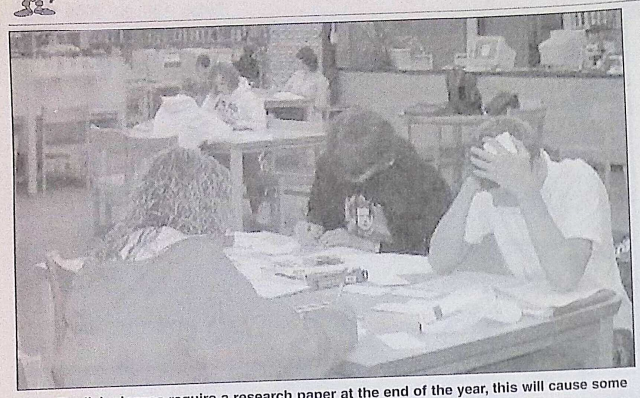

Many English classes require a research paper at the end of the year, this will cause some students to travel to Scott County Library.

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Library selection seriously short

Cait Watkins

REPORTER

So lately, who has been to our library? Pretty much everyone, right? Now, how many people can actually find what they need in our library?

A lot of people can find what they need, if it's a widely researched topic, such as state history, or crop percentages for a state. You can also find books to read on a lot of things, from classics that we read in class, to books on vampires and demons. (these tend to disappear right after they're purchased by the school) Which, by the way, what are you people doing with those books? Seriously, are you performing rituals from those books?

On the other hand, though, if you are trying to research something more elusive, like dreams or sleep stages for Psychology class, or alcohol abuse for a 8-10 page paper, well, you're out of luck. You have to go to the internet for those, or to the public library.

The sad thing is that you cannot find books on something like sleep stages, but you CAN find several books about having sex, one going so far as to help you determine your sexual orientation. This is sadly pathetic, isn't it? Other books include stuff on haunted houses- in fact, you can find at least eight books in the library on haunted houses, and the theories behind those, but you cannot find anything relative to something you might need for psychology or another class that requires more information than what is available in encyclopedias.

But then again, who knows? Maybe I'm just looking in the wrong places, right? Our library is pretty nice; but the sad thing is, we spend money on a lot of books that no one will probably ever check out, instead of more resources for something people can use.

Pope Benedict XVI, a Nazi?

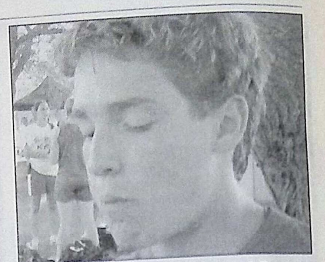
Dan Schaub

REPORTER

Let us squash the rumors now and remove all doubts. Yes, Pope Benedict the XVI or his real name Joseph Ratzinger was once part of the German army during the World War II but he also did the Nazi armed forces not only once, but twice.

When he was young and only in his teens Pope Benedict was taken into the Hitler Youth but soon dropped out and returned to his regular life. He was later drafted into the German army and then deserted from that despite the fact that he would chastised.

Still, some political analysts are worried that this checkered past may hinder Benedict's chances at continuing John Paul's fight for reconciliation between the Catholic church and the Jewish community. They are also worried that his opinions might skewed or anti-semitic.



Sanctions scare this senior

Tom Pearce

REPORTER

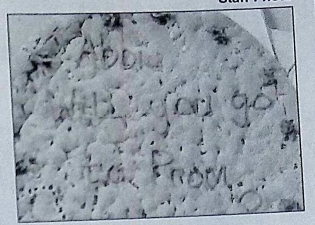
Old habits die hard…and this year proved it to be not an exception to that saying.

This biggest thing that was hard to change was the parking lot. At the beginning of the year the teachers were saying that they would tow people away if they were parked illegally. But at the beginning of the year, kids were parking ever they wanted to in teacher's spots, next to the curb and even in the fire spots. And teachers reminded the students to move but never did anything. But now all of a sudden the administrators decided that they should start enforcing these rules, even though there is less than a month left in school left in the year. Perhaps its because of when the busses were suppose to come in the back for the band trip, but they couldn't get back there because of the cars parked illegally. Even though it's been like that all year long.

Senior open campus has started to get some enforcement. Once again at the beginning of the year, everyone was told that seniors would have open campus and no one else was allowed to go off school grounds. Too bad a lot of juniors, sophomores and even some freshmen are seen leaving everyday. But nothing has been done about it once again. Huh? Walking back into school a few weeks ago. I was actually stopped to see if I had a senior pass. First time all year long.

Something though I should commend the staff for doing is the lunchrooms. At the start of the year, it was a mess. Tables were filthy and floors looked like a pig-sty. But the actions that they took seemed to have helped solve the problems. Turning off the pop-machines, although a hassle, was the only option to fix this problem. And they even did it twice, because no one believed them the first time it happened.

So remember this, future classmen of high school…teachers can and will change things on you at the last minute. So beware.



The cookie read, "Abbi will you go to prom with me? Nick" Check out her response Saturday, May 8 at Davenport's Outing Club. How romantic! Of course, she says yes.

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The First Amendment: Protect Your Rights

Michael Willis

GUEST REPORTER

"We the people" so starts the United States Constitution. In the constitution, the Bill of Rights, the first amendment guarantees freedom of speech, the press, and the right to peaceably assemble. Every day though the U.S. government passes laws censor all types of media offending personal the freedom to freedom of speech and the press. It seems that congress has changed the constitution to "We, meaning some of us, the people". This is not right.

In the past the U.S. government has attempted to censor. One classic case would be the New York Times and the Pentagon Papers. The U.S. government believed that the release of the Pentagon Papers would be damaging to the Vietnam War effort. The New York Times, on the other hand, believed that it was their first amendment right to publish the articles. Fortunately the Supreme Court found the U.S. governments case un-constitutional. In a more recent event congress passed into law the Child Internet Protection Act of 2000. Which would repeal funding to libraries that would not install censorship programs onto their computers. Luckily in 2003 the supreme court ruled the act un-constitutional and was stricken from the books.

The Bill of Rights was established to protect personal freedoms. Often the government encroaches upon these personal freedoms, fortunately the supreme court protects the constitution. It is the duty of all Americans to protect their personal freedoms.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Low minimum wage affects both teens and families

Kerri Yost

GUEST REPORTER

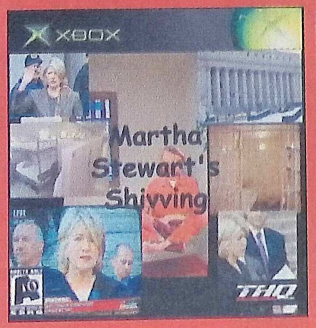
More and more teenagers are having to buy their own cars, pay for their own gas, pay cell phone bills, and sometimes even buy their own clothes. With many teenagers making only minimum wage, ($5.15) it is difficult for many of them to comply with these demands. However, many do say that their parents help out if necessary, but for the most part they pay for everything outside of school.

It isn't only teenagers who are affected by this low minimum wage. Families who struggle to just make ends meet would definitely prosper from a higher minimum wage. Many Democrats have been pushing to raise the minimum wage in Iowa, but with lawmakers generally Republican, it's been difficult to pass this idea. Many of them are worried that it will affect small businesses forcing them to pay their employees more while they have little to begin with. In the long run, however, it seems most will prosper from this increase.

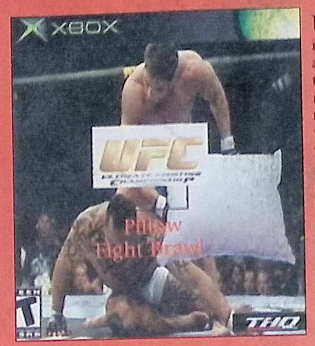
On January 1, Illinois raised its minimum wage to $6.50 along with 5 other states. Certainly, many people in surrounding Iowa areas would be enticed to go over the river for a job if it wasn't for the high gas prices. Fourteen other states have a minimum wage higher than the $5.15 federal standard, which adds up to a salary just over $10,000 per year for full time.

High school students such as junior Ashley Williams are trying to pay for gas, insurance, cell phone, and clothes with a part time job that pays nearly minimum wage. "I hardly ever have any money left to go out and have fun with friends. Sometimes my parents lend me some money if I need it," says Williams. Many students are in the same situation but Williams does see some benefit. "It does make me manage my money better, but I'm sure I owe my parents around $300 which hopefully they won't make me pay back anytime soon."

Games we wish we could play



Martha Stewart's Shivving combines first person gameplay along with third person gameplay. One minute Martha will be mowing down guards in the first person armed with a makeshift AK-47, and then Martha will be trying to tunnel out of her cell in the third person. This game is the definitive Halo killer because not only is there downloadable content via Xbox Live, there is 24 player death matches which encompasses the areas of Martha's houses, the prison, the courthouse, Wall Street, and last but certainly not least, 25 of Martha's sweatshops located in Asia. As nice as this game is, there are a few glaring problems. For starters, there is some lag in online play, the game can send subliminal messages through the music, and the biggest problem I encountered while playing this game is.....Martha is never shown in real form. Overall, this game is a real departure from the standard run and gun games on the market right now and should be added to any self respecting citizens collection. I give Martha Stewart's Shivving a 9 out of 10. It's a good thing.

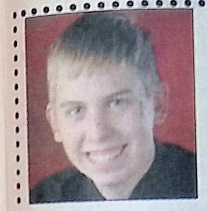


UFC Pillowfight is a non stop action fest and is the most disturbing game ever made. Any person who enjoys action will enjoy this game. The roster features 20 of the toughest UFC fighters of all time. Ken Shamrock returns to the octagon along with greats like Chuck Liddel, Tito Ortiz, and Tank Abbot. The gameplay is fast and furious. Fans of EA's Fight Night 2005 will have no trouble getting used to the controls in that every swing is controlled by the motion of the right joystick on the Xbox controller. The blood mechanics are amazing because the blood will come out whenever a fighter relieves a devastating hit to the head. The blood will start at the head and pour onto the mat. Any fan of good wholesome American violence will love this game even though it involves beating the heck out of each other with pillows. I give UFC Pillowfight an 8 out 10.

In Eyetoy: Staredown! , the pointless camera Sony made for the PS2 finally has some use! Who wouldn't want to have a virtual staring contest? Can your nerves handle the Rock's eyebrow? Are you steadfast enough to stare straight at the Donald? Face these celebrities and others in a dramatic single-player mode and, when you are ready, challenge the entire world with an online mode.
(The makers of Eyetoy: Staredown! are not responsible for any temporary and permanent damage to the eyes and will not pay for optometrist visits.)

In Gran Turismo: Redneck Edition, it's not about how pretty or cool the cars are. It's about seeing if that old, piece-of-trash pickup built in 1963 can even cross the finish line. While racing down one of the nearly 100 gravel roads offered by the game can be exhilarating , the real fun is the customization offered, which is a game in itself. In 1st person view, players get to actually hit the cars with a sledgehammer, throw buckets of paint on the vehicle for no reason whatsoever, or pick up the trusty 12 gauge and have a little practice in fairly close range. Who knew being a redneck could be so much fun?

Senior Spotlight



Ross Jallo
Academics

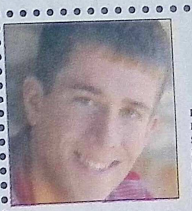
Birthday: July 28, 1986
Parents: Becky and Steve
Siblings: Hanna
Pets: Many cats and some fish
Favorite after school snack: Bon Bons
First NS elementary school crush: I wasn't here, but it would have been Andrea Krebs
Favorite President: Martin Van Buren
Favorite Holiday: Arbor Day
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Butter Pecan
What is your life's theme song: "If I were a rich man"
Most embarrassing Moment: The pigeon incident in New York City
Hobbies: reading, piano, cello, calligraphy, ceramics, etc.
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Movie: "My Fair Lady"
Favorite actor/actress: Morgan Freeman
Most admired person: My mother
Fav. Cartoon Character: Mr. Burns
Activities at North Scott: Choir
Life after North Scott: Many, many years of college

Andrea Krebs
Academics

Birthday: May 13, 1987
Parents: Brian and Charlotte
Siblings: none
Pets: Sylvester the cat
Favorite after school snack: the junk food stash
First NS elementary school crush: I wasn't here, but I think it would have been Ross Jallo.
Worst trouble you ever got in: Well, my speeding ticket wasn't good....
Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Reeces peanut butter cup and cookie dough with carmel
What is your life's theme song: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Quote to live by: "I get knocked down, but I get up again - never gonna get me down."
Most memorable moment: Being serenaded before BC
Most embarrassing Moment: Wendys with the girls and ordering in Spanish with the "clique"
Favorite Color: Bright green
Favorite Movie: "Sister Act"
Favorite actor/actress: Mel Gibson and Whoppie Goldberg
Most admired person: Mother Teresa
Fav. Cartoon Character: Pepper Ann and Doug
Favorite "Friends" Character: Rachel
Activities at North Scott: LP, Jazz and Show Choir, SAAD, Band, YWLF, NHS, tennis
Life after North Scott: Traveling around the world and making a difference in others' lives

Angela Hartwig
NHS President

Birthday: June 17, 1987
Parents: Jerry and Kay
Siblings: Andy, 21
Pets: none
Favorite after school snack: chips with applesauce as dip
First NS elementary school crush: ?
Best friend ever: Ashley Carstens and Chelsea Anderson
Worst trouble you ever got in: Bottom of the 1st inning vs. Muscatine in regionals.
Favorite Holiday: Christmas and Easter
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Oreo
What is your life's theme song: "Audience of One" by Big Daddy Weave
Quote to live by: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23
Most memorable moment: Winning state in softball
Hobbies: LYTES, sports, reading, scrapbooking
Favorite Color: blue and yellow
Favorite Movie: "Hoosiers"
Favorite actor/actress: Tom Cavanagh and Sandra Bullock
Most admired person: Jason Holden and Lori Osterberg
Favorite Cartoon Character: Tweety
Favorite "Friends" Character: Joey
Activities at North Scott: Softball, cross country, basketball (9-11) and NHS
Life after North Scott: Attend Wartburg College and become a physical therapist



Aaron Verhorevoort
Soccer

Birthday: December 29, 1986
Parents: Jay and Sherri Verhorevoort
Siblings: Tony, Sara, Luke, Diego
Pets: Cat - Ace
Favorite after school snack: Pop and Pretzels
First NS elementary school crush: Erica Weatherwax
Best friend ever: Glen Keppy's son
Favorite Holiday: New Years
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Oreo
What is your life's theme song: Low Rider
Most memorable moment: Taking the Caprice down level B road
Hobbies: Working on Paul's Basement
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Movie: "Boondock Saints"
Favorite actor/actress: Angelina Jolie
Most admired person: My Dad
Fav. Cartoon Character: Homer Simpson
Favorite "Friends" Character: I don't waste my time watching "Friends"
Activities at North Scott: Soccer, Student Government, Band, Cross Country
Life after North Scott: National Gaurd then attend the University Of Iowa

'The Wave' weaves weird web of brain-wash

Kerri Yost
REPORTER

Pretty much anyone you ask knows about the Holocaust. They know that it was created by a group known as the Nazis who were under the command of Adolf Hitler. They know that millions of Jews were slaughtered along with many others who didn't fit into Hitler's idea of "The Perfect Race". But did anyone ever stop and ask how the Germans could claim ignorance of the slaughter of the Jewish people and claim they knew nothing about concentration camps? One student did.

"The Wave" is based on the real experience of a high school class in Palo Alto, CA, in April 1967. History teacher Burt Ross came up with a seemingly innocent experiment to explain to his students why in the 1930's and 40's many Germans were so under the spell of Adolf Hitler that they allowed or even helped systematic murdering of millions of innocent Jews. He began a movement known as "The Wave".

It began with this one history class with the student who originally posed the question. Burt Ross taught 3 main lessons; strength through discipline, strength through community, and strength through action. They were expected to act almost like an army and act in uniform. There were rules that must be followed; students must be sitting in class at the attention position before the bell, all students must carry pencils and paper, when asking or answering questions a student must stand at the side of their desk, and the first word given in answering or asking a question is "Mr. Ross." To Mr. Ross's surprise, the students took to these rules very well. The Wave became bigger than he could have ever imagined. Membership cards were even made along with a salute.

Todd Strausser's *The Wave* available for under $5 at Amazon.com
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Burt Ross began receiving phone calls from concerned parents and even rabbis who noticed what was happening. But, other students, teachers, and even the principle went along with it. Obedience became a big thing throughout the school. Those who weren't abiding by all the rules or criticized "the wave" were reported to Mr. Ross and were even punished at times by fellow students. Mr. Ross himself had become far too involved with his own experiment.

Finally realizing what was happening, Burt Ross decides to put an end to it but he knew he couldn't just end it because many students were so involved in it, that they truly believed it was real. So, Mr. Ross organized what the students thought was a rally with students from all over the nation who were supposedly involved in "the wave". He told them that the leader of it is to speak on television to all the members. But when the students got there and found out everything was basically a set-up and nothing that happened was real, many broke down and cried.

This shockingly true story was written by Todd Strausser. It is surprising and will give you a greater understanding of what happened during the Holocaust. You will realize that it is very possible for history to repeat itself.

'Miss Congeniality II' avoids sequel suicide

Lindsey Epkes
FINE ARTS EDITOR

Miss Congeniality 2, the obvious sequel to Miss Congeniality recently arrived in theaters to both audiences of anticipation and doubt.

As I've said before sequels can be cinematic suicide and are generally not good for any actor or actress to undertake (excluding Spiderman and Toy Story); sequels make audiences worried. Keeping this in mind I had my concerns about seeing Miss Congeniality 2, however considering the enormous list of sequel failures this sequel managed to keep its head above water while the other sequels drown in poor plot lines, unlaughable jokes, and predictable scenes that make audiences demand their refunds.

Miss Congeniality 2 brought back Sandra Bulluck as FBI Gracie Hart who suddenly finds with her newfound fame and glory, that going back to everyday job is near impossible. Suddenly, the nation recognizes her as Miss Congeniality meaning undercover work is no longer an option and Gracie is offered a different career direction to become the new face of the FBI. Although reluctant at first Gracie gives in as an escape to avoid her heartache after her boyfriend Eric Matthews (Benjamin Bratt) dumps her and relocates to Miami. The breakup deeply affects agent Hart and she changes from the butt kicking, tuff FBI we loved in the first Miss Congeniality into the Barbie doll she always used to loath. However, once Gracie's best friend Cheryl and the Miss America pageant coordinator Stan Fields get abducted Gracie springs into action and flies down to Vegas to aid to their rescue and handle the press.

This movie proved decent yet it lacked great performances from Michael Caine as Victor Melling the pageant consultant and Benjamin Bratt as agent Eric Matthews. Without these two actors returning for the sequel this movie lacked some of the charm that made the first so appealing but it was another funny performance by Bullock and newcomer Regina King as agent Sam Fuller that made this film worth seeing.

Web builds bands' bases

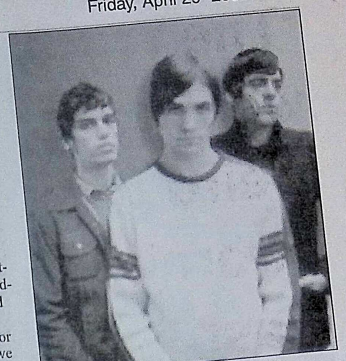
Levi Sarver
GUEST REPORTER

With all the changes in the music industry involving illegal downloading and such, it seems you only hear of negative changes being made. Luckily other more positive additions have been made as well. Numerous online music communities such as Purevolume.com and Myspace.com have popped up all over helping artists get their music heard, and letting the world hear artists in a raw and unmainstream as artists want to be.

Artists benefit as well as listeners with the online communities. Purevolume offers many services to bands worthy of the attention. Purepromos gives bands a shot at getting their band name and picture up on the mainpage, and lets thousands of people listen to their music a day. Purepicks is the more prominent group because you have to be selected to put your music on, not to mention the attention from labels purepick bands receive.

Myspace takes a different approach to the scene. Myspace believes in a big family type of feel. Every member of the site gets his of her own profile and homepage that other listeners can check out and post comments on. This gives listeners the chance to talk to the artists and other listeners interested in the same music.

With the majority of radio stations converting to top 40 style formats it takes the individuality out of music. Luckily Purevolume and Myspace are both independently owned by college grads and influenced by their love for music. Having record labels control what we hear is a scary thing. If they believe all people care about is teen boppers and thugs getting tipsy we would only hear more of the same, giving the artists that really have something to say a shot in the dark when it comes to being heard


House of Heroes, one of t he bands Purevolume helps make it big.
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'Sin City' stuns students and seniors similarly

Dan Schaub
REPORTER

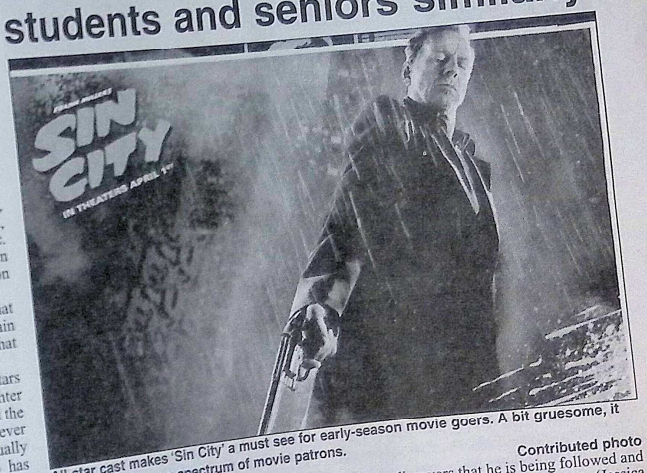
The art of film noir had seemed to disappear into nothingness until April 1st with the release of Frank Miller's 'Sin City', comic-book adaptation and the genre was brought back with a bang.

With a all-star cast including: Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Jessica Alba, Benicio Del Toro, etc. this film can't help but be a character-driven ride through an seemingly nightmarish vision of the fictional world known as Basin City.

The film is split into three different parts that each have their own main characters and main plots but also has a small underlying theme that brings them altogether slowly.

The first part, "The Hard Goodbye" stars Mickey Rourke as toughened street-fighter Marv who sets out on a killing spree to find the people that killed the only girl he had ever loved Goldie (Jamie King). This eventually leads him to Kevin (Elijah Wood) who has some buds akin to Hannibal Lector's. Mickey Rourke's character is the most heart-felt of all the characters and keeps his character afloat with good acting and funny quips.

The second part, "The Big Fat Kill", has Clive Owen (who may be the future James Bond) as a cold-blooded and insane killer named Dwight. As he follows an abusive man, Jackie (Benicio Del Toro), to the section of Sin City known as Old Twon controlled by the massive prostitute population he discovers that Jackie is dead and his death will break the shaky balance between the police, mobsters, and prostitutes. He is then forced to cover up the murder of Jackie and keep the police from discovering it. Clive Owen does a good job alongside all the female stars in this part and makes some of the best jokes of the film despite his some what downer as a character (He has a discussion with Jackie after he's dead).



All-star cast makes 'Sin City' a must see for early-season movie goers. A bit gruesome, it appeals to a narrow spectrum of movie patrons.
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Bruce Willis takes the reins of Hartigan who is the lead in "The Yellow Bastard". Hartigan is about to leave the force because of a heart condition but the last loose-end he has to tie up is a child molester who is also the son of a Senator (Nick Stahl) and has kidnapped his fourth victim. When he goes to rescue the girl he is shot by his partner and framed for the attacks on all of the previous girls. Eight years later he discovers that he is being followed and must protect the same girl, Nancy (Jessica Alba), from the same villain. Bruce Willis has the strongest and hardest character with lots of emotion and struggle. His parts are real down but he keeps them alive with an interesting that you wonder what happens to him.

'Sin City' has plenty of good action and acting but also includes some of the most gruesome scenes of violence that I have ever seen. It is not for the faint of heart or younger than seventeen for it's R rating.

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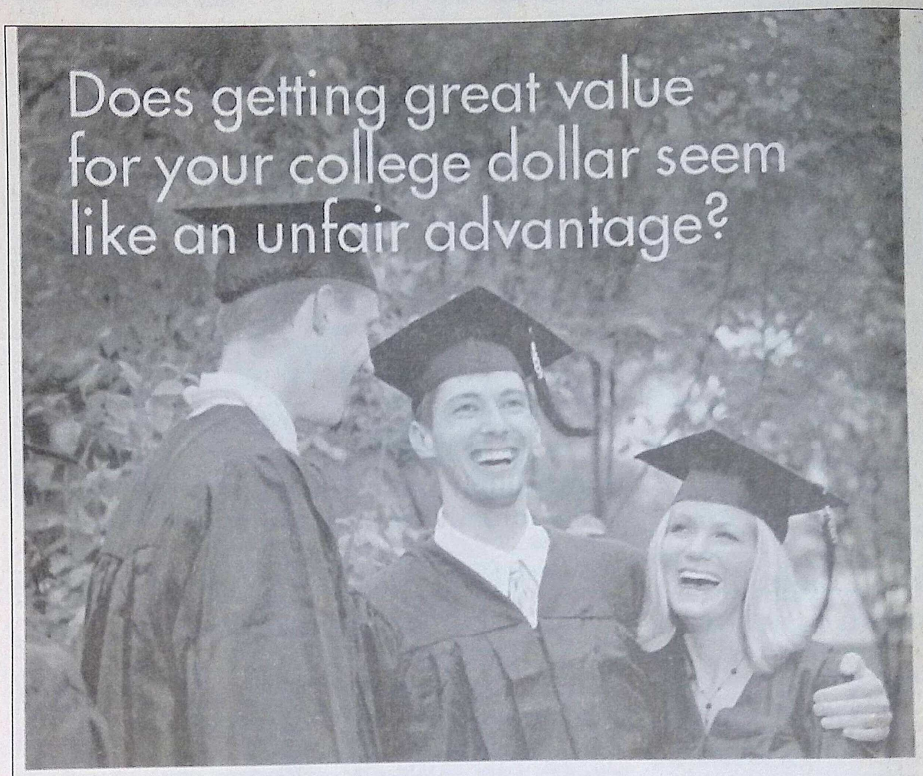

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